

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment under 37 CFR §1.116 is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 6, 12 and 13 are amended, claims 10-11 are canceled, and claims 1-9 and 12-13 are pending in the application.

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 10-13 is acknowledged with appreciation. Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 11, and independent claim 6 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 10. Claims 12 and 13 are amended to ensure consistency with the respective independent claims in view of the foregoing amendments.

The rejection under 35 USC §102(e) of claims 1-9 as originally filed is moot in view of the foregoing amendments.

In view of the above, it is believed this application is in condition for allowance, and such a Notice is respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any missing or insufficient fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a), to Deposit Account No. 50-0687, under Order No. 95-521, and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. R. Turkevich', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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